

Brookline Together Meeting
Monday, November 13th, 2025, in person

Attendance: Caitlin McNulty, Don Mudrick, Victoria Contreras, Mark Hopkinson, Melissa Kilmer, Lisa Wilson, Blake Plavchak.

Excused: Bill Kim.

Meeting called to order by Caitlin McNulty at 7:00 pm EST.

November meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Caitlin McNulty, seconded by ---. All approve.

- Lisa Werder Brown, ED Watersheds of South Pittsburgh -lisa@wospgh.org
 - 17 open stream-Saw Mill Run. There is beautiful stream with a lot of wildlife there.
 - Planning process -1.5 years, lots involved stakeholder interviews.
 - Goals of the plan –
 - To make sure most of issues are addressed (how can we tackle all issues at one time and pull all organizations at once to do that)
 - What are we doing right now?
 - Bring stakeholder together.
 - Create coordination of all agencies that work.
 - Make sure what we do has lasting impact.
 - Establishing routine collaboration and leveraging related improvements are essential steps to implementing the recommendations of the plan.
- Rachel Rampa, PGH2O Sr. Public Affairs Coordinator- RRampa@pgh2o.com
 - Customer satisfaction survey not given great marks.
 - Org Structure
 - We are an authority.
 - We are not a department within City of Pittsburgh-since mid-80, separate from the city but has relationship.
 - We are not for-profit.
 - We do have shareholders or investors.
 - Our board meeting is open to the public.
 - Org mission, vision, and core value
 - Mission-to support our region by protecting public health and the environment through the delivery of safe and reliable water services with a commitment to future generations.
 - Vision- to transform Pittsburgh’s water system while being recognized by our customers as a trusted service provider and a steadfast steward of a vital public asset.
 - Pittsburgh Water-PGH2O
 - Simplifies name.
 - Reflect org progress.
 - Signifies commitment to water quality, ethics.
 - Facts about Pittsburgh Water
 - Total customers: 116,247
 - Water and sewer: 81,049
 - Sewer only: 29,850
 - Stormwater only: 5,348
 - Population served: approximately 520,000.
 - Total employees more than 400
 - Aspinwall treatment plan:
 1. Permitted to produce up to 100 million gallons of water per day.

2. Total miles of water line: 961 (Pittsburgh to Orlando), sewer line: 1223 (Pittsburgh to Denver).

- Maintain:
 - Manholes: 29,502
 - Catch basin: 24,463.
 - Fire hydrant: 7,506.
 - Valves: 19,000
- Our sewer system
 - 75% combined sewer system
 - Combined sewer overflow (CSOs) impact water quality
 - As little as 1/10" of rain can cause CSO in Pittsburgh
 - 25% municipal separate sewer system (MS4)
 - Sewer separation projects reduce pollution.
- Sewer operations
 - We maintain:
 - Manholes: 29,502
 - Catch basin: 24, 463.
 - 1,223 miles of sewer
 - We improve:
 - Sewer lining, repairs, separations, investigations.
- How funds are spent
 - As a publicly owned and operated water utility, every dollar is reinvested back into the system.
- Alternative funding sources
 - Funding packages save rate payers \$900 million over 30 years compared to traditional financing.
- Expanded customer assistance program.
- Rain barrel credit
 - 40 one-time credits
 - Applied towards stormwater fee.
 - Check our events page.
 - QR Code
- Treasurer Report-Bill Kim-N/A
- Membership Updates
 - Up and running for 2025, check Brookline Together website to sign up for membership.
- Events Updates
 - Business & Community Engagement Committee meeting -4th Monday of the month. This month will be on Monday, January 27th, 2025, 7 pm EST, at Moonlite Café, Brookline Blvd.
- Beautification Updates
 - Last Friday, January 10th, 2025, Mark Moses Electrical Services, Inc. already took down the holiday wreaths.
 - On Saturday, January 18th, 2025, at 11 am EST, we are going to take down all the decorations at canon, we need volunteers.
 - On Monday, January 20th, 2025, 10 am EST-there will be early Spring cleaning at Brookline Boulevard-meet by A-Boss Optical.
 - Anyone who is interested in adopting the flowers bed at Boulevard, will be available in Spring. The flowers beds are looking more beautiful each year-thanks to all the volunteers.
- Welcome Wagon
 - Between November and December 2024, 30 packets were sent out to new residents -Welcome to Brookline!
- Caitlin Resignation from Board President seat of Brookline Together
 - Don Mudrick will be the Interim President

- Blake Plavchak will be the Interim Vice President
- Business and Community Engagement Co-Chair
 - Rebekah Perry will be the Community Engagement Co-Chair

8:08 pm EST-Motion to adjourned by Caitlin McNulty, seconded by Don Mudrick.